



U. S. Department of Justice
Drug Enforcement Administration
Salt Lake City District Office
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

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Dear Law Enforcement Colleague:

This is an invitation for your Department to participate in a one day community service event in partnership with:

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in cooperation with our partners at the Office of Utah Attorney General, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Utah Poison Control Center, Utah Prevention Network, Utah Department of Health, and Utah Pharmaceutical Drug Crime Project are pleased to announce the first -

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Date: Saturday, September 25, 2010

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: a place of your choosing within your community

- DEA will supply collection boxes for your take back program at prime locations within the state for you to pick up. In the event of a shortage of collection boxes, feel free to utilize your departmental evidence collection resources. Note that your Participant Registration Form acts as temporary Federal DEA authorization for this collection event. Staffing and salary payment will be the responsibility of local law enforcement and their partners in the community. No effort need be made by law enforcement to collect data; no counting, inventory, sorting, or log of medications is required for this event. However, if local interest groups express a desire to conduct very brief interviews for the benefit of local planning organizations and environment conditioning, that decision will be between the local law enforcement, the staging sight, and the interest groups.
- Public Service Announcement information and resources will be available for your use from the DEA; however, the take back events will need to be locally publicized and locally run. Local law enforcement must be present at each take back location and accept delivery of the drugs. We recommend at least two uniformed officers at each location, and as many as six to eight volunteers and other staff at your discretion. DEA and cooperating partners are working on a statewide media campaign which will follow the national press conference. There will also be online information available to the public on drop off locations by convenient zip code entry. This will be provided by DEA at www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov.

- DEA will coordinate the pick-up of surrendered pharmaceuticals from participating departments after the take back date and complete the disposal. Be aware that collected refuse may need to be stored at local law enforcement evidence locations temporarily. Destruction of the materials will be accomplished in accordance with all federal and state laws and regulations. Please note that DEA cannot take possession of syringes, intra-venous solutions, injectibles, thermometers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances. If your department decides to collect these items, you will need to dispose of them properly. These items cannot be destroyed at the disposal site where DEA has contracted with.
- Utah's Proper Medication Disposal Program has sponsored 13 "Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet" Drive-up Drop-Off medication take-back events in partnership with local substance abuse prevention coalitions, health departments, water and sewer utilities, recycling and other groups and will provide planning assistance and/or training upon request, for more information see: www.medicationsdisposal.utah.gov

TO INDICATE YOUR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING:

Please complete the attached Registration Sheet and return to DEA by mail or email by **August 13, 2010**:

**Drug Enforcement Administration
Salt Lake City District Office
Attention: Lynnette Wingert, Group Supervisor
348 East South Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111**

Email: lynnette.m.wingert@usdoj.gov

Please provide point of contact and email address.
Future mailings will be conducted by email only.

For additional information, contact

- Lynnette Wingert, DEA, 801-524-4156, email as above;
- Wendy Corey, DEA, 801-524-3302, wendy.a.corey@usdoj.gov



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Registration Form

Participant Information

Law Enforcement Agency: _____

Point of Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Collection Site: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please indicate where you would like to pick up and drop off DEA collection boxes:

☐ BRIGHAM CITY ☐ LOGAN ☐ OGDEN ☐ SALT LAKE CITY ☐ STANSBURY PARK ☐ KIMBALL JUNCTION ☐ HEBER CITY
☐ ROOSEVELT ☐ PROVO ☐ NEPHI ☐ PRICE ☐ GREEN RIVER ☐ FILLMORE ☐ BEAVER ☐ CEDAR CITY ☐ ST. GEORGE

NOTE: Locations are subject to change.

DEA Contact Information

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National Take Back Initiative

Introduction

On September 25, 2010, DEA will coordinate a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. A national take-back day will provide a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. This one-day effort will bring national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The program provides an opportunity for law enforcement, prevention, treatment, and the business community to collaborate and establish a safe collection site for all Americans, regardless of where they reside.

Collection Day Protocols

- On Saturday, September 25, 2010, state and local law enforcement agencies will host one or more collection sites at locations of their choosing. Locations should be selected that provide easy access and available parking.
- Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances may be collected. The general public is often unaware of the distinction in medication status.
- Collection efforts may be combined with community drug awareness activities and involve the distribution of brochures and other information.
- This program is anonymous and all efforts should be made to protect the anonymity of individuals disposing of medications. No questions or requests for identification should be made.
- Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into the disposal box. If an original container is submitted, the individual should be encouraged to remove any identifying information from the prescription label.
- No effort should be made by law enforcement personnel to count, inventory, or log medications.
- All solid dosage pharmaceutical product and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The depositor should ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.
- Intra-venous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.

- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers. If an individual attempts to surrender an illicit controlled substance, law enforcement personnel should handle such material as abandoned property in accordance with department policy.
- All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the surrender process. Law enforcement personnel should not handle the medications at any time.
- A law enforcement officer must remain with the drug disposal box at all times. Collected pharmaceutical products should be handled as drug evidence with law enforcement custody to safe-guard the surrendered material.
- If you need additional collection boxes, you are authorized to use a container approved by your department as part of its standard operating procedures.
- At the conclusion of the event, a law enforcement officer will seal the drug disposal boxes in accordance with your agency's policy and procedure. It is recommended that the box be sealed with tamper-evident tape or evidence sticker. Each box should be labeled as "Miscellaneous Pharmaceuticals to be turned over to DEA."
- The drug collection boxes should then be returned to your police department and stored per your department's standard operating procedures for safe keeping and temporary storage, until they are turned over to DEA.